

## Department of the Army, DoD

## § 578.26

(f) One bronze service star is worn to denote subsequent award of the AFEM. To be eligible for additional awards, service must be rendered in more than one of the designated areas and dates specified in paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of this section. No two awards will be made for service in the same designated area.

(g) *Arrowhead device.* The arrowhead device is a bronze replica of an Indian arrowhead  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch high. It denotes participation in a combat parachute jump, helicopter assault landing, combat glider landing, or amphibious assault landing, while assigned or attached as a member of an organized force carrying out an assigned tactical mission. A soldier must actually exit the aircraft or watercraft, as appropriate, to receive assault landing credit. Individual assault credit is tied directly to the combat assault credit decision for the unit to which the soldier is attached or assigned at the time of the assault. It is worn on the service and suspension ribbons of the AFEM when the unit is credited with assault landing credit. Only one arrowhead device will be worn on the ribbon.

(h) *Description.* The medal is bronze,  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches in diameter, an eagle, with wings addorsed and inverted, standing on a sword loosened in its scabbard, and super-imposed on a radiant compass rose of eight points, all within the circumscription "ARMED FORCES" above and "EXPEDITIONARY SERVICE" below with a sprig of laurel on each side. On the reverse is the shield from the United States Coat of Arms above two laurel branches separated by a bullet, all within the circumscription "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA". The ribbon is  $1\frac{3}{8}$  inches wide and consists of the following stripes:  $\frac{3}{32}$  inch Green 67129;  $\frac{3}{32}$  inch Golden Yellow 67104;  $\frac{3}{32}$  inch Spicebrown 67196;  $\frac{3}{32}$  inch Black 67138;  $\frac{7}{32}$  inch Bluebird 67117;  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch Ultramarine Blue 67118;  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch White 67101;  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch Scarlet;  $\frac{7}{32}$  inch Bluebird;  $\frac{3}{32}$  inch Black;  $\frac{3}{32}$  inch Spicebrown;  $\frac{3}{32}$  inch Golden Yellow; and  $\frac{3}{32}$  inch Green.

### § 578.26 Vietnam Service Medal.

(a) *Criteria.* The Vietnam Service Medal (VSM) was established by Executive Order 11231, July 8, 1965. It is

awarded to all members of the Armed Forces of the United States serving in Vietnam and contiguous waters or airspace thereover, after July 3, 1965 through March 28, 1973. Members of the Armed Forces of the United States in Thailand, Laos, or Cambodia, or the airspace thereover, during the same period and serving in direct support of operations in Vietnam are also eligible for this award.

(b) *Qualifications:* To qualify for award of the VSM an individual must meet one of the following qualifications:

(1) Be attached to or regularly serve for 1 or more days with an organization participating in or directly supporting military operations.

(2) Be attached to or regularly serve for 1 or more days abroad a Naval vessel directly supporting military operations.

(3) Actually participate as a crew-member in one or more aerial flights into airspace above Vietnam and contiguous waters directly supporting military operations.

(4) Serve on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days in Vietnam or contiguous areas, except that time limit may be waived for personnel participating in actual combat operations.

(c) No person will be entitled to more than one award of the VSM.

(d) Individuals qualified for the AFEM for reason of service in Vietnam between July 1, 1958 and July 3, 1965 (inclusive) shall remain qualified for that medal. Upon request (unit personnel officer) any such individual may be awarded the VSM instead of the AFEM. In such instances, the AFEM will be deleted from the list of authorized medals in personnel records. No person will be entitled to both awards for Vietnam service.

(e) Service members who earned the AFEM for Operation FREQUENT WIND between April 29-30, 1975, may elect to receive the Vietnam Service Medal instead of the AFEM. No service member may be issued both medals for service in Vietnam.

(f) Vietnam and contiguous waters, as used herein, is defined as an area which includes Vietnam and the water adjacent thereto within the following

specified limits: From a point on the East Coast of Vietnam at the juncture of Vietnam with China southeastward to 21 degrees N. latitude, 108 degrees; 15' E. longitude; thence, southward to 18 degrees; N. latitude, 108 degrees; 15' E. longitude; thence southeastward to 17 degrees 30' N. latitude, 111 degrees E. longitude; thence southward to 11 degrees N. latitude; 111 degrees E. longitude; thence southwestward to 7 degrees N. latitude, 105 degrees E. longitude; thence westward to 7 degrees N. latitude, 103 degrees; E. longitude; thence northward to 9 degrees 30' N. latitude, 103 degrees E. longitude, thence northeastward to 10 degrees 15' N. latitude, 104 degrees 27' E. longitude; thence northward to a point on the West Coast of Vietnam at the juncture of Vietnam with Cambodia.

(g) The VSM may be awarded posthumously.

(h) The boundaries of the Vietnam combat zone for campaign participation credit are as defined in paragraph (d) of this section.

(i) One bronze service star is authorized for each campaign under the following conditions:

(1) Assigned or attached to and present for duty with a unit during the period in which it participated in combat.

(2) Under orders in the combat zone and in addition meets any of the following requirements:

(i) Awarded a combat decoration.

(ii) Furnished a certificate by a commanding general of a corps, higher unit, or independent force that he actually participated in combat.

(iii) Served at a normal post of duty (as contrasted to occupying the status of an inspector, observer, or visitor).

(iv) Aboard a vessel other than in a passenger status and furnished a certificate by the home port commander of the vessel that he served in the combat zone.

(3) Was an evadee or escapee in the combat zone or recovered from a prisoner-of-war status in the combat zone during the time limitations of the campaign. Prisoners of war will not be accorded credit for the time spent in confinement or while otherwise in restraint under enemy control.

(j) *Description.* The medal is Bronze, 1¼ inches in diameter, an oriental dragon behind a grove of bamboo trees above the inscription "REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM SERVICE." On the reverse, a crossbow surmounted a by a torch above the arched inscription "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA". The ribbon is 1 ⅜ inches wide and consists of the following stripes: ⅛ inch Primitive Green 67188; ⅝ inch Air Force Yellow 67103; ⅛ inch Old Glory Red 67156; ⅝ inch Air Force Yellow; center ⅛ inch Old Glory Red; ⅝ inch Air Force Yellow; ⅛ inch Old Glory Red; ⅝ inch Air Force Yellow; and ⅛ inch Primitive Green.

(k) The Vietnam campaigns are provided in Table 7 below:

TABLE 7

Campaigns	Inclusive dates	Streamer inscription
Vietnam Advisory Campaign .....	March 15, 1962 to March 7, 1965 .....	Vietnam Advisory 1962-1965.
Vietnam Defense Campaign .....	March 8, 1965 to December 24, 1965 ....	Vietnam Defense 1965.
Vietnam Counteroffensive .....	December 25, 1965 to June 30, 1966 ....	Vietnam Counteroffensive 1965-1966.
Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase II .....	July 1, 1966 to May 31, 1967 (see footnote below).	Vietnam Phase II 1966, 1967.
Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase III .....	June 1, 1967 to January 29, 1968 .....	Vietnam Counteroffensive, Phase III, 1967-1968.
Tet Counteroffensive .....	January 30, 1967 to April 1, 1968 .....	Tet Counteroffensive 1968.
Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase IV .....	April 2, 1968 to June 30, 1968 .....	Vietnam Counteroffensive, Phase IV 1968.
Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase V .....	July 1, 1968 to November 1, 1968 .....	Vietnam Counteroffensive, Phase V 1968.
Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase VI .....	November 2, 1968 to February 22, 1969	Vietnam Counteroffensive, Phase VI 1968-1969.
Tet 69 Counteroffensive .....	February 23, 1969 to June 8, 1969 .....	Tet 69/Counteroffensive, 1969.
Vietnam Summer-Fall 1969 .....	June 9, 1969 to October 31, 1969 .....	Vietnam Summer-Fall 1969.
Vietnam Winter-Spring 1970 .....	November 1, 1969 to April 30, 1970 .....	Vietnam Winter-Spring 1970.
Sanctuary Counteroffensive .....	May 1, 1970 to June 30, 1970 .....	Sanctuary Counteroffensive 1970.
Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase VII .....	July 1, 1970 to June 30, 1971 .....	Vietnam Counteroffensive, Phase VII, 1970-1971.
Consolidation I .....	July 1, 1971 to November 30, 1971 .....	Consolidation I 1971.

TABLE 7—Continued

Campaigns	Inclusive dates	Streamer inscription
Consolidation II .....	December 1, 1971 to March 29, 1972 ....	Consolidation II 1971–1972.
Vietnam Cease-Fire .....	March 30, 1972 to January 28, 1973 .....	Vietnam Cease-Fire 1972–1973.

**Footnote:** Arrowhead device authorized only for members of the 173d Airborne Brigade who actually participated in the landing in the vicinity of Katum, Republic of Vietnam, between the hours of 0800–0907, inclusive on February 27, 1967. A bronze service star affixed to the Parachutist Badge is authorized for members of the 173d Airborne Brigade for participation in combat parachute jump on February 22, 1967 per Department of the Army General Orders 18, 1979.

### § 578.27 Southwest Asia Service Medal.

(a) The Southwest Asia Service Medal (SWASM) was established by Executive Order 12754, March 12, 1991. It is awarded to all members of the Armed Forces of the United States serving in Southwest Asia and contiguous waters or airspace thereover, on or after August 2, 1990 to November 30, 1995. Southwest Asia and contiguous waters, as used herein, is defined as an area which includes the Persian Gulf, Red Sea, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Aden, that portion of the Arabian Sea that lies north of 10 degrees N. latitude and west of 68 degrees E. longitude, as well as the total land areas of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, and United Arab Emirates.

(b) Members of the Armed Forces of the United States serving in Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Syria, and Jordan (including the airspace and territorial waters) between January 17, 1991 and April 11, 1991, will also be eligible for this award. Members serving in these countries must have been under the command and control of U.S. Central Command or directly supporting military operations in the combat theater.

(c) To be eligible, a service member must meet one or more of the following criteria:

(1) Be attached to or regularly serving for one or more days with an organization participating in ground or shore (military) operations.

(2) Be attached to or regularly serving for one or more days aboard a naval vessel directly supporting military operations.

(3) Be actually participating as a crew member in one or more aerial flights directly supporting military operations in the areas designated in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section.

(4) Be serving on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days. These time limitations may be waived for people participating in actual combat operations.

(d) The SWASM may be awarded posthumously to any person who lost his or her life while, or as a direct result of, participating in Operation DESERT SHIELD or Operation DESERT STORM without regard to the length of such service, if otherwise eligible.

(e) One bronze service star will be worn on the suspension and service ribbon of the SWASM for participation in each designated campaign. Service stars are described in § 578.61. The designated campaigns for Southwest Asia are provided in Table 8 below:

TABLE 8

Campaign	Inclusive dates	Streamer inscription
Defense of Saudi Arabia .....	August 2, 1990 to January 16, 1991 .....	Defense of Saudi Arabia 1990–1991.
Liberation and Defense of Kuwait .....	January 17, 1991 to April 11, 1991 .....	Liberation and Defense of Kuwait 1991.
Southwest Asia Cease-Fire .....	April 12, 1991 to November 30, 1995 .....	Southwest Asia Cease-Fire, 1991–1995.

(f) See AR 670–20 for the Civilian Service in Southwest Asia Medal.

(g) *Description.* The medal is Bronze 1¼ inches wide, with the words “SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE” across the center background. Above the center is a desert scene with a tank, ar-

mored personnel carrier, helicopter and camels with the rising sun in the background. Below the center is a seascape with ship, tanker, aircraft and clouds in the background. On the reverse, is an upraised sword entwined with a palm frond and “UNITED STATES OF